has already been spent. The balance available under these heads will not be sufficient to meet the requirements in the course of the year. Though the expenditure for the Judicial Enquiry Committee and the Constitutional Advisory Committee may not be much, a further allotment of Rs. 500 under "16-6-Committees—Establishment" and another sum of Rs. 3,000 under "16-6-Committees—Allowances" will be necessary. I request that these may be sanctioned as additional allotment.

Deputy President: The question is that additional allotments of Rs. 500 and Rs. 3,000 be granted under "16-6-Committees—Establishment and allowances" respectively.

(Demands put and carried)

(xx) 18—Law and Justice

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I rise to move, Sir, for additional allotments of Re. 1 each under "18-Law and Justice—Criminal Justice by transfer from "Witness Batta" to "Dearness allowance" and under "18-Law and Justice—Criminal Justice—by transfer from "Refunds" to "Dearness allowance',"

The expenditure under "Dearness allowance" in the Criminal Justice Department for the year 1121 exceeded the budget allotment of the year due to the enhanced rate of dearness allowance sanctioned at the end of the year. It was too late then to move for the additional allotment. The expenditure had to be incurred last year itself. The excess expenditure has therefore to be met by transfers of allotments. The following transfers are therefore proposed to be made from "Witness Batta" and "Refunds" to "Dearness allowance",

1. Rs. 735 from "Witness Batta" to "Dearness Allowance"—18—Law and Justice (c) Criminal Justice

2. Rs. 199 from "Refunds" to Dearness Allowance"—18—Law and Justice (c) Criminal Justice

I request that the House may be pleased to grant the transfer. I may say that the Government do not at all think that this is the correct procedure instead of moving the allotment in the last year itself. It is certainly a mistake and Government have issued instructions accordingly. I do not want to suppress any fact in order to justify that this should have been and could have been moved last year itself.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuhassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I want to have one information over and above what has already been stated without hiding. The thing is this. Has not the dearness allowance been paid already ?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It has already been paid. That is exactly the irregularity pointed out.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it not a case of placing a statement on the table of this House as required under the Standing Order rather than coming here for a supplementary grant like this ? Supplementary demands are generally for monies to be spent hereafter. But here it has already been spent, So it is an irregularity to come before this House now with such a demand.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Secretary to Government):* I have already submitted, Sir, that it could have been done. It was not done then and it was why Government now seek the approval of the Council.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I do not make any suggestion that it is an insult to this House, but it is a very irregular procedure.

Rao Sahib P. V. Raphael *(Chief Secretary to Government):* It is true, Sir, that sometimes such things do happen. After all, these are small amounts which they anticipate and spend without knowing what their position is and that it is why Government want to regularise and correct it and have come to this House. This is an expenditure that has been authorised by the Government and it was expended by the Head of the Department concerned and Government want now to regularise it by coming to this House.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* I do not move the cut motion standing in my name.

Deputy President: The question is that Government be granted additional allotments of Re. 1 each under "18—Law and Justice—Criminal Justice" by transfer from "Witness Batta" to "Dearness Allowance" and from 'Refunds' to 'Dearness Allowance'.

(Demands put and carried)

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